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SUBJECT: Applicant: Boyce et al.
Serial No: 08/056,029
Filed: April 30, 1993
For: A REINFORCED JOINT FOR
COMPOSITE STRUCTURES AND METHOD OF
JOINING COMPOSITE PARTS
Examiner: Shelborne, K.
Group: 1502
Docket No: FM-112J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is an Appeal Brief in triplicate in the subject application. Also enclosed are a Petition for Extension of Time Within the First Month with a check in the amount of \$55.00 for the extension fee, and a Request For Oral Hearing and a check for \$120.00 for the required fee.

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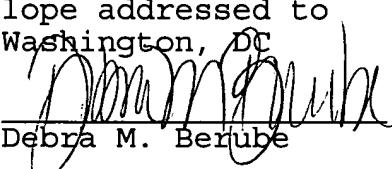
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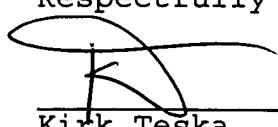

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REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Applicant has appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences by filing a Notice of Appeal on October 22, 1996 and Appeal Brief on January 10, 1997. The applicant hereby requests an Oral Hearing in the subject application and includes herewith a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the hearing fee pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(g).

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